

170 E 2 Street NYC
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Dear Mr Leary:

Yes by all means! I don't know if ~~xxx~~ Spiegel told you-- he wrote me you would write-- I spent half a year in So Amer. this year and took Banisteriopsis Caapi (Ayahuasca, Yaage) a number of times & kept lots of notes, mostly sort of abstract alas, but also some drawings & poems. Also I ~~xxx~~ spent 2 days at Stanford & had LSD a ~~xxx~~ couple of times. Enclosed a piece of writing I did--about the 8th hour of the ~~xxx~~ LSD. Part II Howl if you have read it, is Peyote writing.

Is Huxley there? Speigel said he was at MIT working with mushrooms--I never been in touch with him--show him the poem if you see & know him.

Also I have had a lot of Nitrous Oxide, Ether, Mescaline, Peyote, Marijuana, Ditran (a datura?), (awful), -- & the opiates. I'll bring up the notes I took while high.

My original interest & "stability" thru all this--or "control"--was a series of --I mean what I was looking for--was that when younger I had a series of mystical experiences--connected with reading Blake.

I have friend coming in this week from S.F. and want to show him around NY & am in a little confusion what I'll be doing the next few weeks. Send me a note--when are you free to have us up to C.R.P.? and I'll make plans accordingly-- sometime to the end of this month?

I hope it will be OK if two of us come--another poet I live with, Peter Orlovsky, who's also had a lot of Peyote LSD & Banisteriopsis etc.

Do you know Naked Lunch, a very great piece of prose by W.S. Burroughs (Olympia Press, Paris--you'll have to get it thru customs as science-privileged somehow---it's one of the most illuminating books--based on fantastically deep & extensive drug use--full of eccentric brilliant psychic theories, satires on brainwash techniques, etc.

There is also an extensive amount of published poetry reflecting peyote insights ~~xx~~--I'll try bring some up--almost all the younger poets have been experimenting with blackmarket hallucinogens for 10 years.

You letter a great gift, since it gets me off this damned black market--I somehow had not encountered any sympatico doctors in the East who had access to Cylocybin. Tho I have some mushrooms I got from Gordon Wasson which I will try this week--as well as some Ololiqui seeds. The latter don't seem to work tho.

Let me know when you want us to come up. I think we will need fare, or fare repaid, as I am, about, broke. OK--thanks for your letter.

Yours

Allen Ginsberg

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The enclosed poem except for the marked corrections is pretty much the unchanged notes taken while still high - tho coming down by then.